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
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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/653,520
For: MODIFIED OXYGEN REDUCED VALVE METAL OXIDES
Our Ref: 00138CIPCON (3600-360-01)

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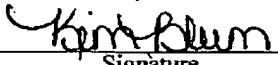
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before August 18, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.